

# Troopers Arrest Clayton, DE Man After Road Rage Incident-Milton

**Milton-** The Delaware State Police have arrest 30-year-old **Russell H. Zern Jr.** for aggravated menacing and related charges following a road rage incident.

The incident occurred on August 21, 2019 at approximately 5:50 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the area of southbound Coastal Highway (SR 1) and Broadkill Road (SR 16) in reference to a road rage incident. Through further investigations, it was learned that three 17-year-old teenagers were traveling southbound on SR 1 in the area of SR 16 in a passenger car, when they were almost cut off by Zern who was traveling on a motorcycle. The vehicles both stopped for the red light at the intersection when Zern proceeded to pull up to the passenger's side of the vehicle displaying a handgun. Zern continued to verbally yell at the passengers, spitting on the vehicle, and then proceeded to rip the gas cap off, before fleeing the area.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify Zern as the suspect. On August 22, 2019, Zern turned himself in at Troop 7 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Aggravated Menacing
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (3 counts)
- Criminal Mischief

Zern was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on \$20,600.00 unsecured bond.

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have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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